

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 19, 2012

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 70**

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**Introduced by Senator Gaines**

**(Coauthors: Senators Cannella, Fuller, La Malfa, Rubio, Runner,  
and Wyland)**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the National Day  
of the Cowboy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Gaines. The National Day of the Cowboy.

This measure would recognize *and designate* the 4th Saturday of  
every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy, and would  
encourage the people of the State of California to observe the day with  
appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women together built the  
2 strong framework of this nation through their ability to develop  
3 farmland, establish ranches, and successfully provide the  
4 agricultural products that feed this growing nation; and much of  
5 the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The descendants of those pioneers, and those  
7 influenced by their endeavors, have continued that tradition and  
8 noble life's work; and

1 WHEREAS, Through cultural influence and the spirit of  
2 competition—~~amongst~~ *among* those hardworking ranchers and  
3 farmers, often referred to as “cowboys,” the rodeo was introduced  
4 to the West, defining a whole new branch of the ranching and  
5 farming experience; and

6 WHEREAS, Through their hard work, honesty, and  
7 perseverance, ~~the cowboy has~~ *cowboys have* earned a reputation  
8 of integrity, patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely  
9 American traditions of their trade; and

10 WHEREAS, The young people of this country have embraced  
11 the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as  
12 Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and other educational endeavors  
13 to prepare them for their role in the ongoing cowboy lifestyle; and

14 WHEREAS, Today’s cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive  
15 to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this very foundation of America’s  
16 heritage, not only through the efforts of working cowboys, but  
17 through the efforts of many statewide organizations that, each day,  
18 recognize the significance and value of the cowboy lifestyle; and

19 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be an excellent steward  
20 of this land and its creatures; and

21 WHEREAS, The cowboy continues to be a vital part of the  
22 nation, and in particular, the economy of this great State of  
23 California; and

24 WHEREAS, Through determination and skill, commitment,  
25 and sacrifice, the farmer, rancher, and cowboy continue, and will  
26 continue, to produce the products that feed and clothe this nation;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Through work and through play, in the movies or  
29 in the fields, raising crops, herding cattle, ~~or~~ raising pigs or sheep,  
30 or bronc busting in a rodeo, the cowboy is a true American icon,  
31 worthy of recognition and honor; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes *and designates*  
34 the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the ~~designated~~  
35 National Day of the Cowboy; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of the  
37 great State of California to observe this day with appropriate  
38 ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable  
39 citizens of this state who, by their efforts and contributions, have  
40 earned the title of “cowboy”; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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